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# EXCALIBUR™

IN AN OUTRAGEOUSLY  
OVERWHELMING,  
OMNIFARIOUS, OUT  
AND OUT  
ONSLAUGHT AGAINST  
THE OUTLANDISH  
**OUTLAWS**

YEAH,  
RIGHT.



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YEARS

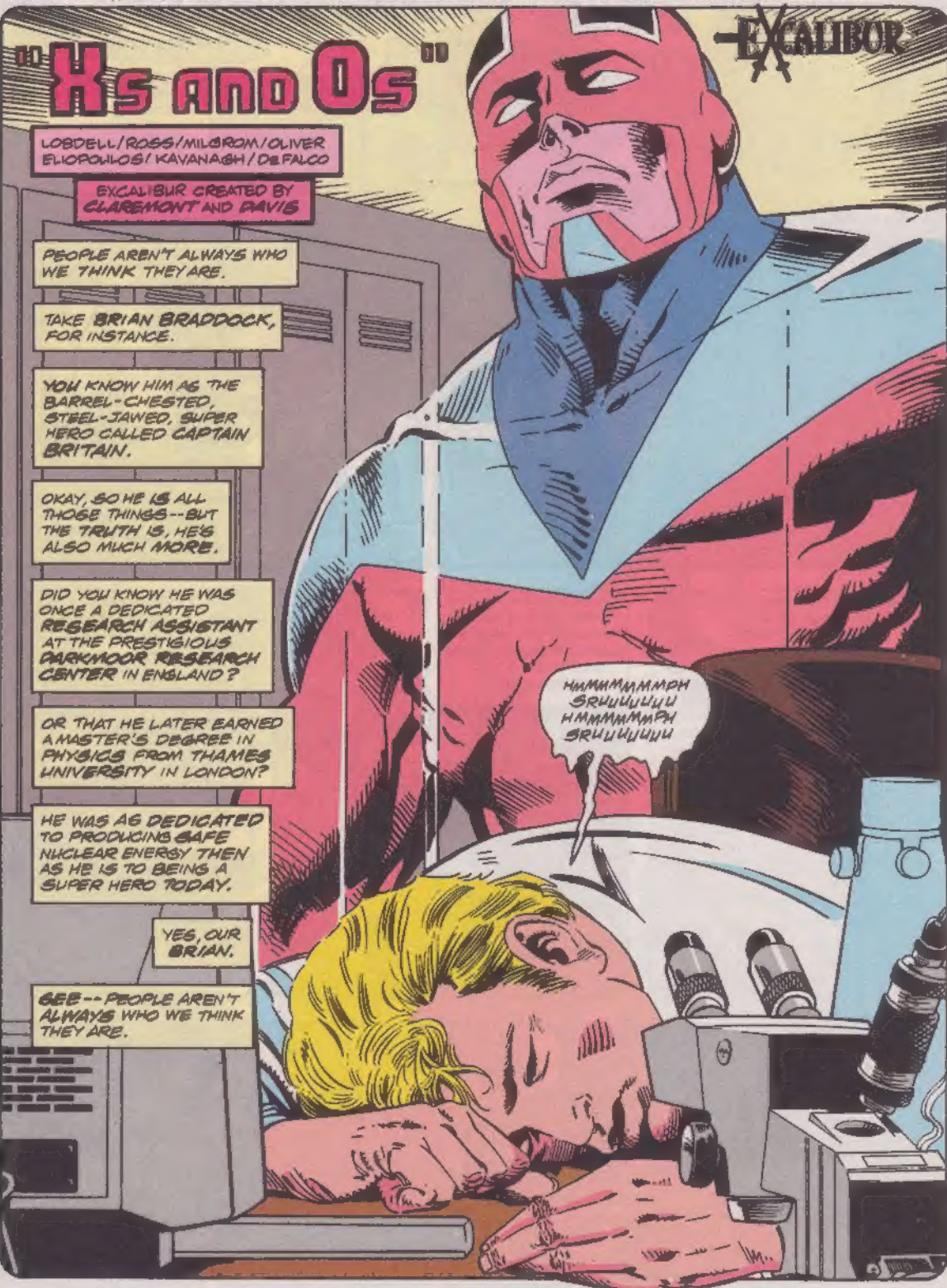
OF  
CAPTAIN AMERICA

1941-1991





THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE SWASHBUCKLING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS, THEY HAVE Banded TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL! STAN LEE PRESENTS...



LOBDELL/ROSS/MILBROM/OLIVER  
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EXCALIBUR CREATED BY  
CLAREMONT AND DAVIS

PEOPLE AREN'T ALWAYS WHO  
WE THINK THEY ARE.

TAKE BRIAN BRADDOCK,  
FOR INSTANCE.

YOU KNOW HIM AS THE  
BARREL-CHESTED,  
STEEL-JAWED, SUPER  
HERO CALLED CAPTAIN  
BRITAIN.

OKAY, SO HE IS ALL  
THOSE THINGS--BUT  
THE TRUTH IS, HE'S  
ALSO MUCH MORE.

DID YOU KNOW HE WAS  
ONCE A DEDICATED  
RESEARCH ASSISTANT  
AT THE PRESTIGIOUS  
DARKMOOR RESEARCH  
CENTER IN ENGLAND?

OR THAT HE LATER EARNED  
A MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
PHYSICS FROM THAMES  
UNIVERSITY IN LONDON?

HE WAS AS DEDICATED  
TO PRODUCING SAFE  
NUCLEAR ENERGY THEN  
AS HE IS TO BEING A  
SUPER HERO TODAY.

YES, OUR  
BRIAN.

GEE-- PEOPLE AREN'T  
ALWAYS WHO WE THINK  
THEY ARE.

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AS CAPTAIN BRITAIN, BRIAN WENT ON TO BECOME THE MOST RESPECTED HERO ON HIS SIDE OF THE POND.

ALONG WITH MEGGAN, SHADOWCAT, NIGHT-CRAWLER AND PHOENIX, HE FOUNDED EXCALIBUR-- HIS COUNTRY'S PREMIER SUPER TEAM.

AS FOR DARKMOOR? IT HAS BECOME THE SIGHT OF ESCALATING NO NUKES DEMONSTRATIONS.

A LOT LIKE THIS ONE.

KURT-- I'M NOT REAL COMFORTABLE WITH THIS. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ISN'T OUR FORTE.

JA, I'M INCLINED TO AGREE. BUT WE'RE HERE AT BRIAN'S REQUEST, RACHEL. HE MUST HAVE HIS REASONS.

SEE HERE, WE'LL HAVE NO MORE OF THIS!

LOOK, IT'S EXCALIBUR! THEY'LL SHOW THESE BRIGANDS WHAT'S WHAT!

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NUKES

SAVE  
OUR  
EARTH

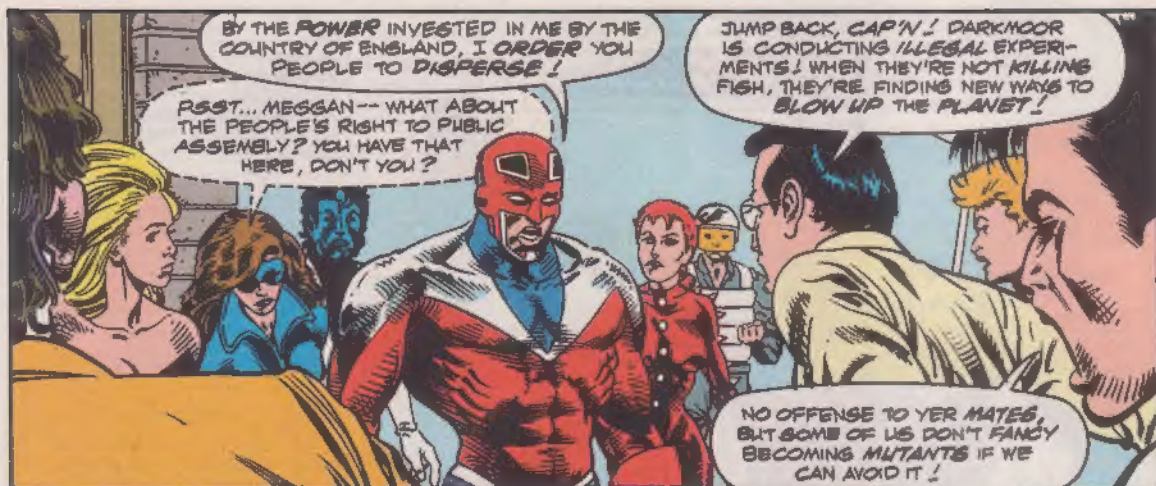
WE  
ONLY  
HAVE  
ONE  
EARTH

LOOK, IT'S EXCALIBUR! THEY'LL SHOW THESE FASCISTS WHAT'S WHAT!

STAND BACK, SON. WE DON'T WANT THIS TO GET UGLY.

IT'S ALREADY "UGLY"! OR HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THE EFFECT THE WORLD'S "MOST INTELLIGENT LIFE FORM" IS HAVING ON THE REST OF THIS PLANET?!





BY THE POWER INVESTED IN ME BY THE COUNTRY OF ENGLAND, I ORDER YOU PEOPLE TO DISPERSE!

RSST... MEGGAN-- WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO PUBLIC ASSEMBLY? YOU HAVE THAT HERE, DON'T YOU?

JUMP BACK, CAP'N! DARKHOOR IS CONDUCTING ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTS! WHEN THEY'RE NOT KILLING FISH, THEY'RE FINDING NEW WAYS TO BLOW UP THE PLANET!

NO OFFENSE TO YER MATES, BUT SOME OF US DON'T FANCY BECOMING MUTANTS IF WE CAN AVOID IT!



YOU IDIOTS! WE NEED NUCLEAR POWER IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE STRIP-MINING OF OUR NATURAL RE--

WAAAAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! NUCLEAR ENERGY IS THE PITS!



I THOUGHT WE WERE HERE TO HELP THE PROTESTERS!

UH... GUYS? IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION IN FRONT OF EVERYONE?

SHADOWCAT, WITH YOUR SCIENCE BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD APPR--

THE YOUNG WOMAN HAS A POINT.



MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO CONTINUE THIS INSIDE?

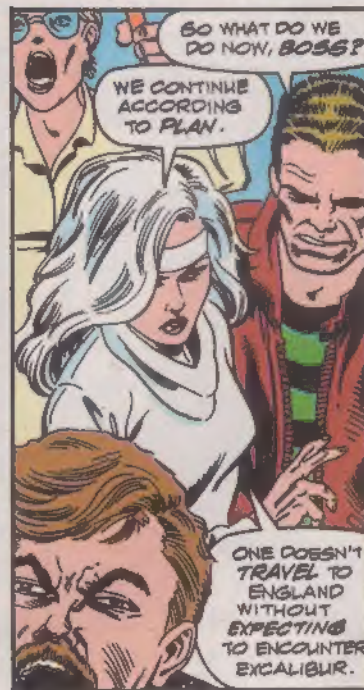
DR. WALSHIE! WE'D BE HONORED, SIR.



SEEING AS THESE ARE THE FINAL DAYS OF THE D.R.G, IT IS I WHO HAVE THE HONOR.

SHWEWE

I'LL SAY, ANY MORE HELP LIKE THAT AND WE'LL HAVE A FULL BLOWN RIOT ON OUR HANDS!



SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, BOSS?

WE CONTINUE ACCORDING TO PLAN.

ONE DOESN'T TRAVEL TO ENGLAND WITHOUT EXPECTING TO ENCOUNTER EXCALIBUR.

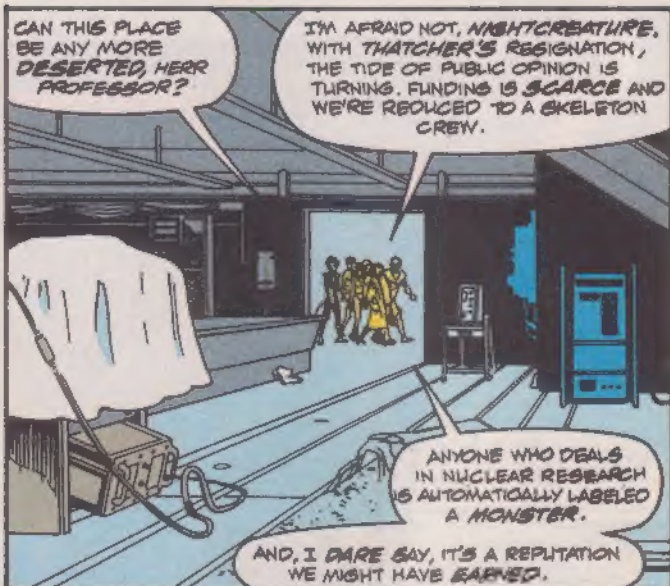




IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO COME, BRIAN. I ONLY WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU COULD DO TO HELP.

WHA--?! HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME BENEATH THIS MASK?

PLEASE... I WOULD SOONER NOT RECOGNIZE MY OWN SON.



CAN THIS PLACE BE ANY MORE DESERTED, HERR PROFESSOR?

I'M AFRAID NOT, NIGHTCRAWLER. WITH THATCHER'S RESIGNATION, THE TIDE OF PUBLIC OPINION IS TURNING. FUNDINGS IS SCARCE AND WE'RE REDUCED TO A SKELETON CREW.

ANYONE WHO DEALS IN NUCLEAR RESEARCH IS AUTOMATICALLY LABELED A MONSTER.

AND, I DARE SAY, IT'S A REPUTATION WE MIGHT HAVE EARNED.



EXCUSE ME AS I SHED A TEAR!

THAT MOB ACCUSED YOU OF ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTS. TRUE, OR NOT?!

SHADOWCAT!

PLEASE, BRIAN.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE SO CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE PLANET.

HIT ME ON THE HEAD AND SO HELP ME I'LL GLOCK YOU ONE SQUARE IN THE CHOPS.

NO DOUBT YOU WOULD.

I CAN, WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS AT DARKMOOR.

I'M AFRAID THAT DOESN'T ANSWER HER QUESTION.

AND THE NAME IS NIGHTCRAWLER.

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

THREE WEEKS UNDER COVER TO STUDY THE LAYOUT OF THIS PLACE--

--AND TWO SECONDS BEFORE RENDEZVOUS IN THE BUILDING'S MOST OBSCURE SECTOR...

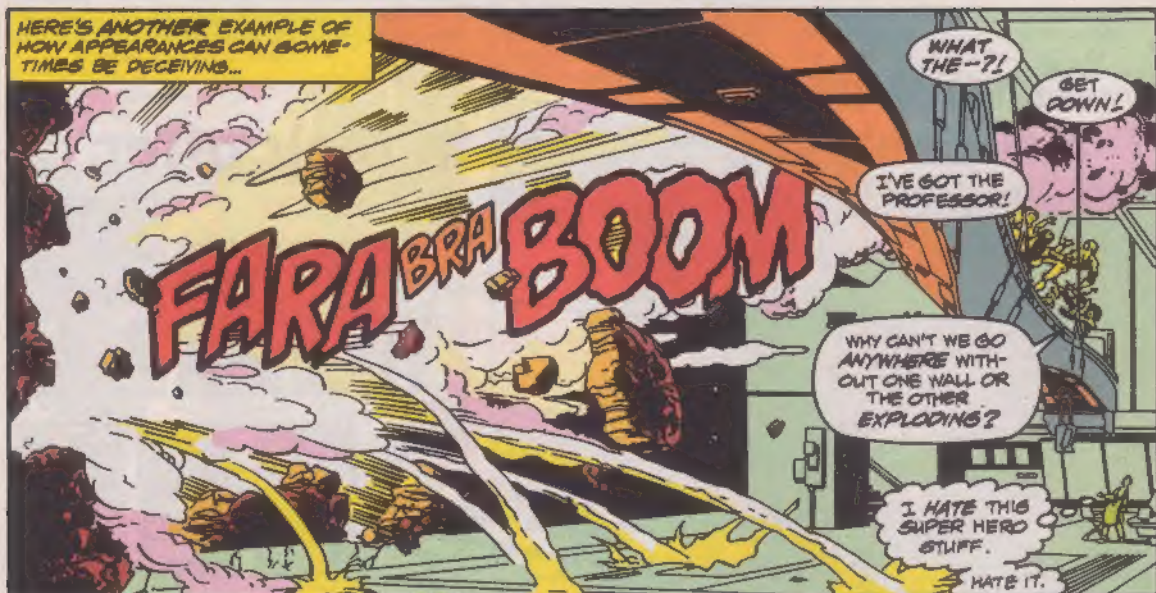


...THE QUEEN'S VERSION OF THE X-MEN DECIDE TO SHOW UP!

I CAN HEAR THE BONES BREAKING NOW.



HERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW APPEARANCES CAN SOMETIMES BE DECEIVING...



WHAT THE--?!

GET DOWN!

I'VE GOT THE PROFESSOR!

WHY CAN'T WE GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT ONE WALL OR THE OTHER EXPLODING?

I HATE THIS SUPER HERO STUFF.

HATE IT.



SANDMAN, PALADIN, SILVER SABLE, ROCKET RACER...?

FACT IS, THEY'RE HEROES FOR HIRE.

THE WORLD AT LARGE REGARDS THEM AS "BAD GUYS," AS OUTLAWS.

YOU NEED A JOB DONE, AND YOU HAVE THE MONEY TO FOOT THE BILL? SILVER SABLE INTERNATIONAL ARE THE PEOPLE YOU WANT.

EXCALIBUR--STAND AWAY FROM WALSHE. AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SYMKEIRIAN GOVERNMENT, WE'VE COME FOR THE RETURN OF STOLEN TECHNOLOGY.

I GUESS THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEM BELIEVING THERE WAS A HANDFUL OF REFORMED RABBLE ROUSERS IS PRETTY SLIM, HEH, PALADIN?\*

WOULD YOU BELIEVE US IF YOU WERE THEM AND THEY WERE US?

FORGET IT, SABLE--THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE TURNING OVER THE PROFESSOR TO YOU MERCENARIES!

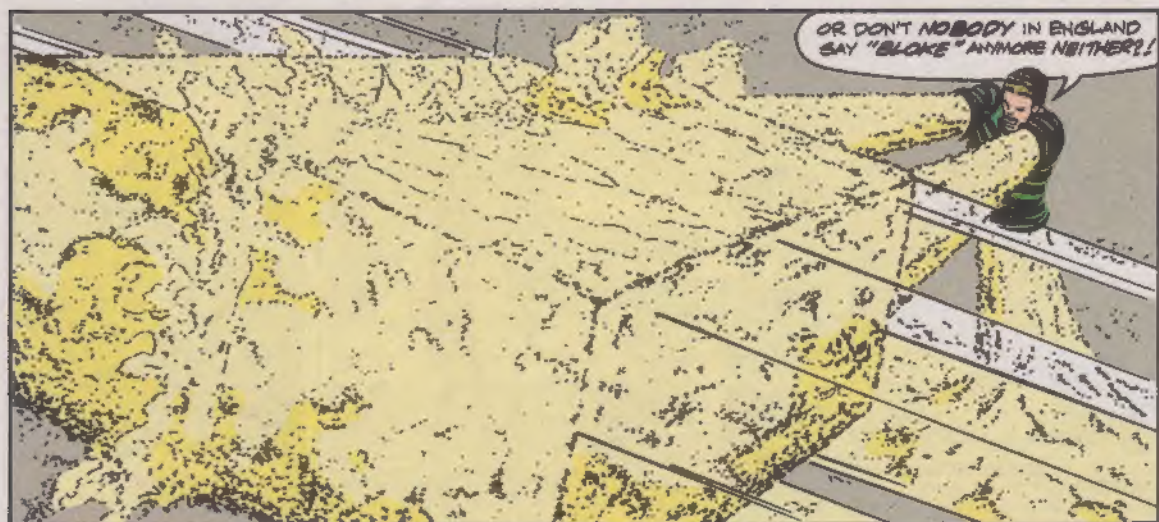
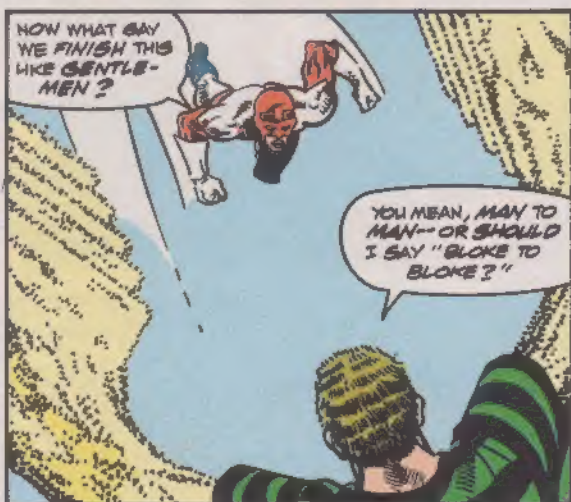
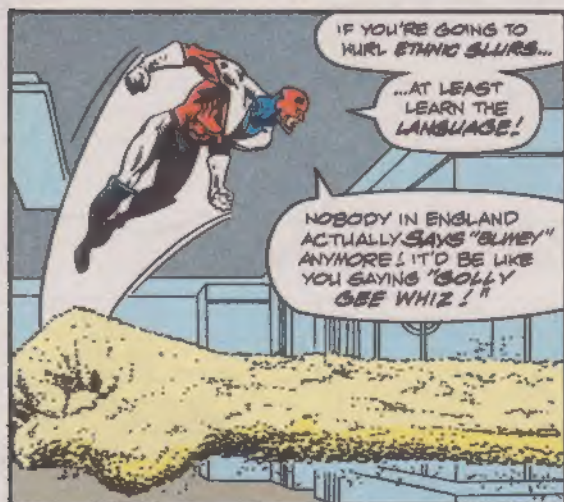
EVEN IF THE CHARGES ARE TRUE?

\* THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE SANDMAN JOINED THE AVENGERS. --T.K.

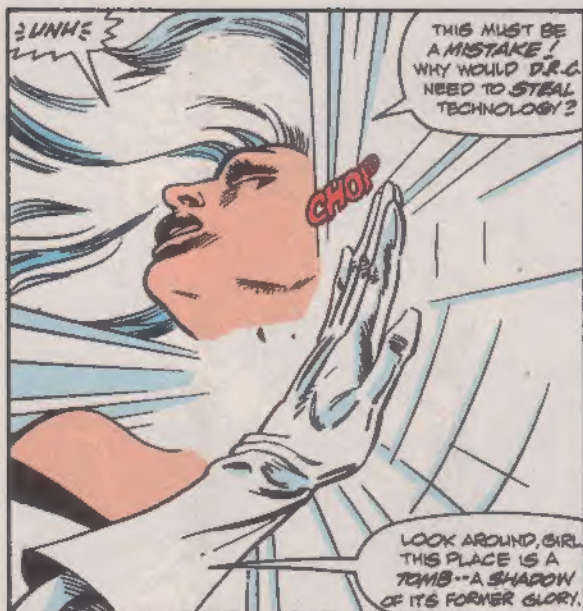






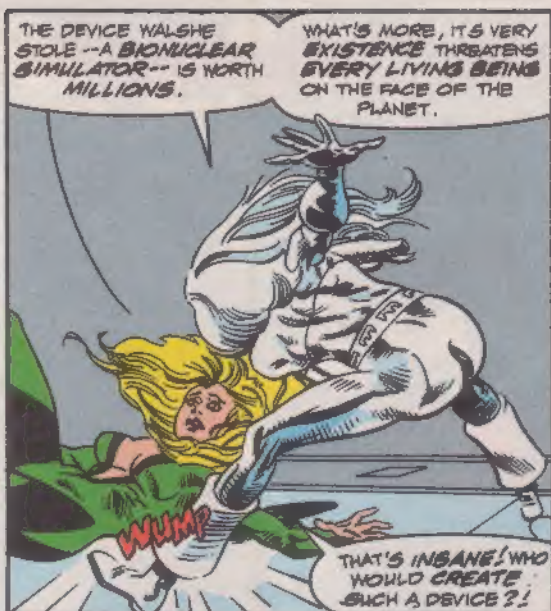






THIS MUST BE A MISTAKE! WHY WOULD D.R.G. NEED TO STEAL TECHNOLOGY?

LOOK AROUND, GIRL. THIS PLACE IS A TOMB--A SHADOW OF ITS FORMER GLORY.



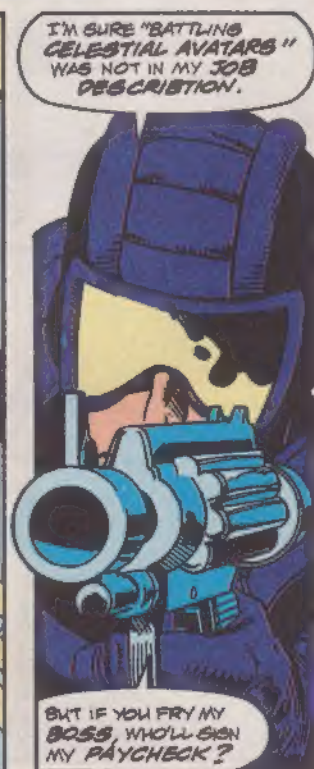
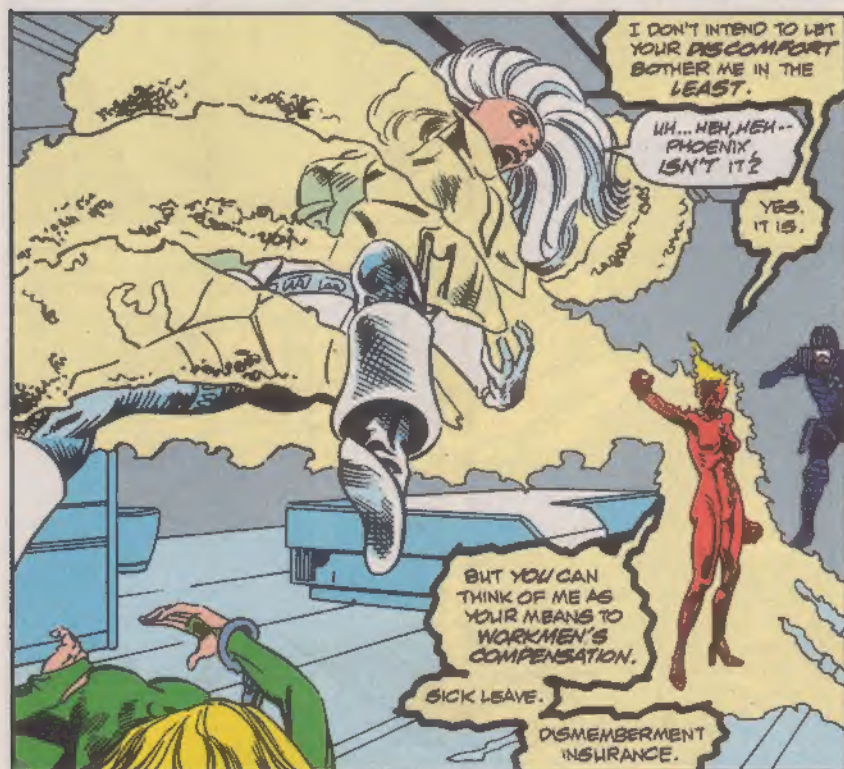
THE DEVICE WALSHE STOLE--A BIONUCLEAR SIMULATOR--IS WORTH MILLIONS.

WHAT'S MORE, ITS VERY EXISTENCE THREATENS EVERY LIVING BEING ON THE FACE OF THE PLANET.

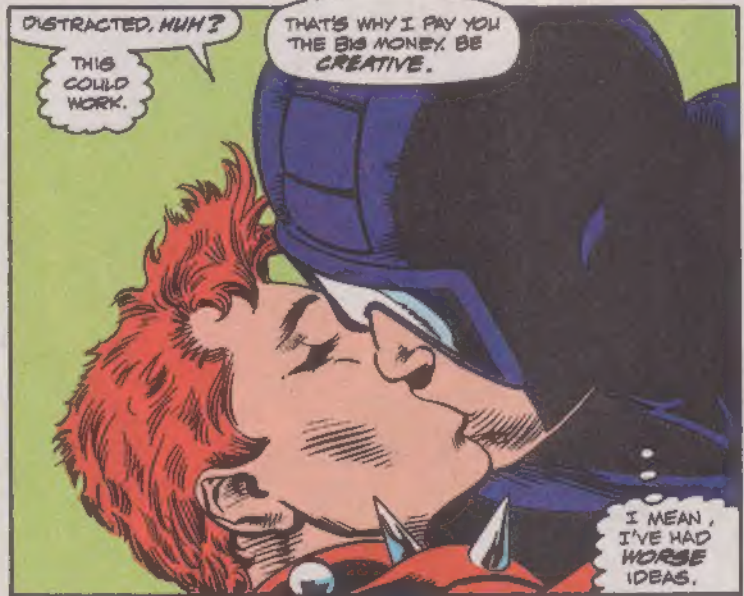
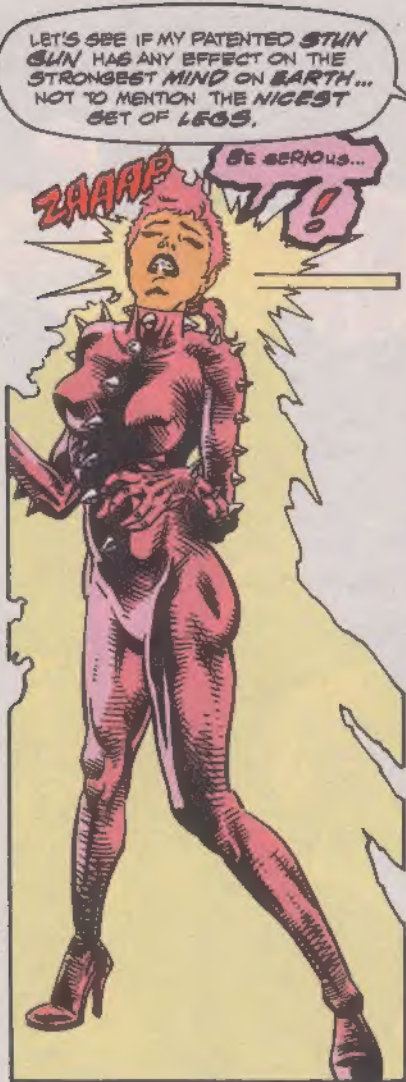
THAT'S INSANE! WHO WOULD CREATE SUCH A DEVICE?!



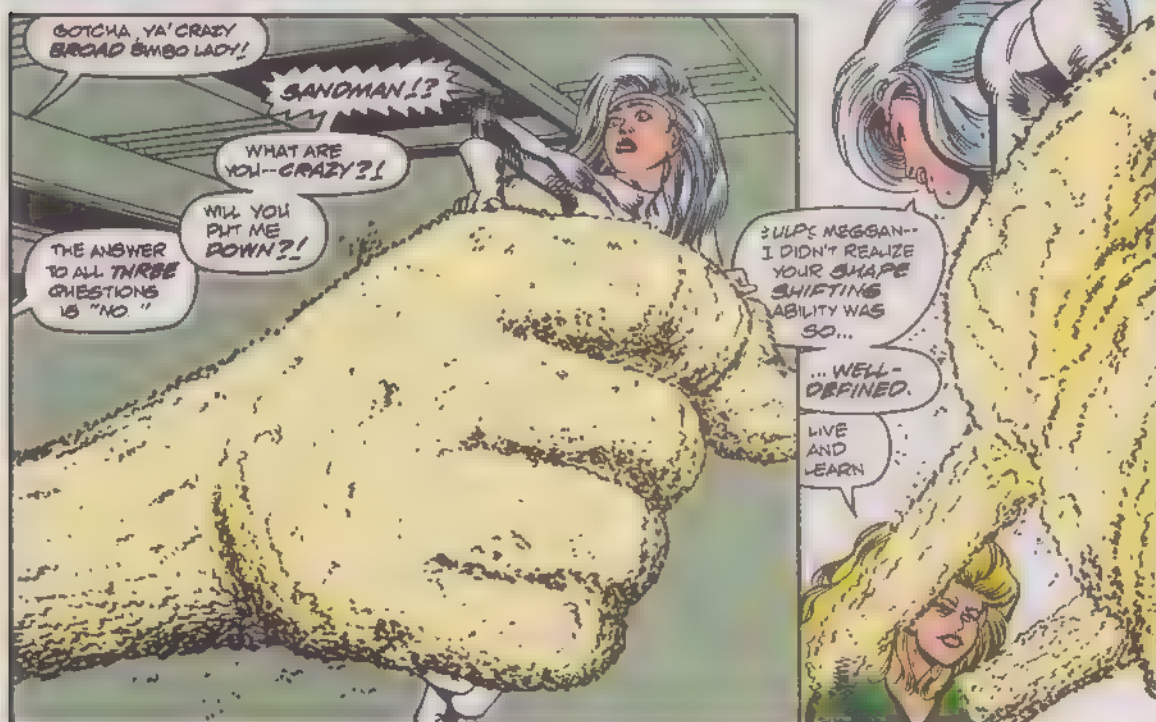
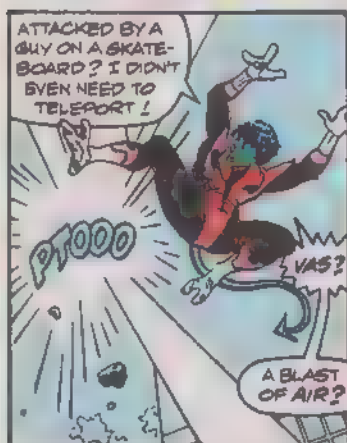
THEN YOU'RE A BETTER WOMAN THAN I, SILVER SABLE.



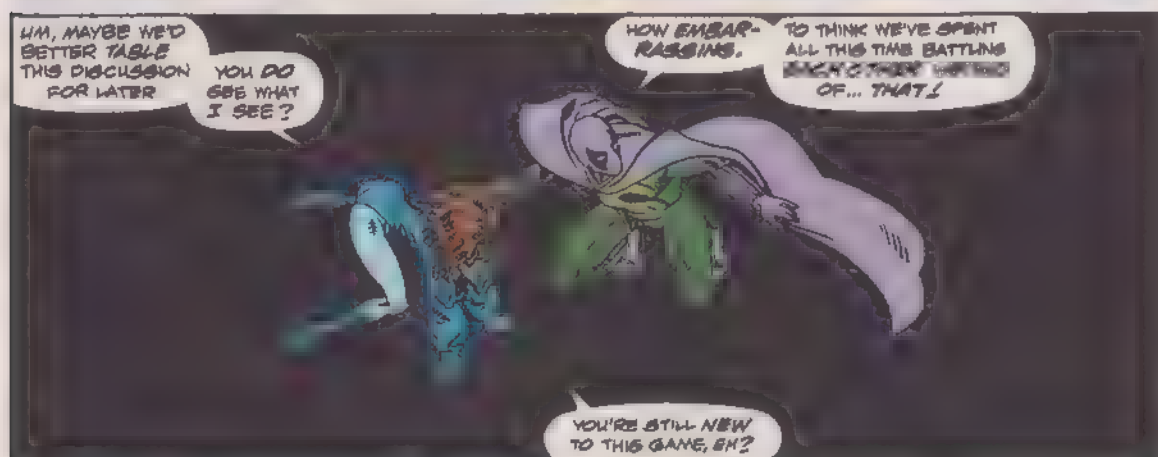
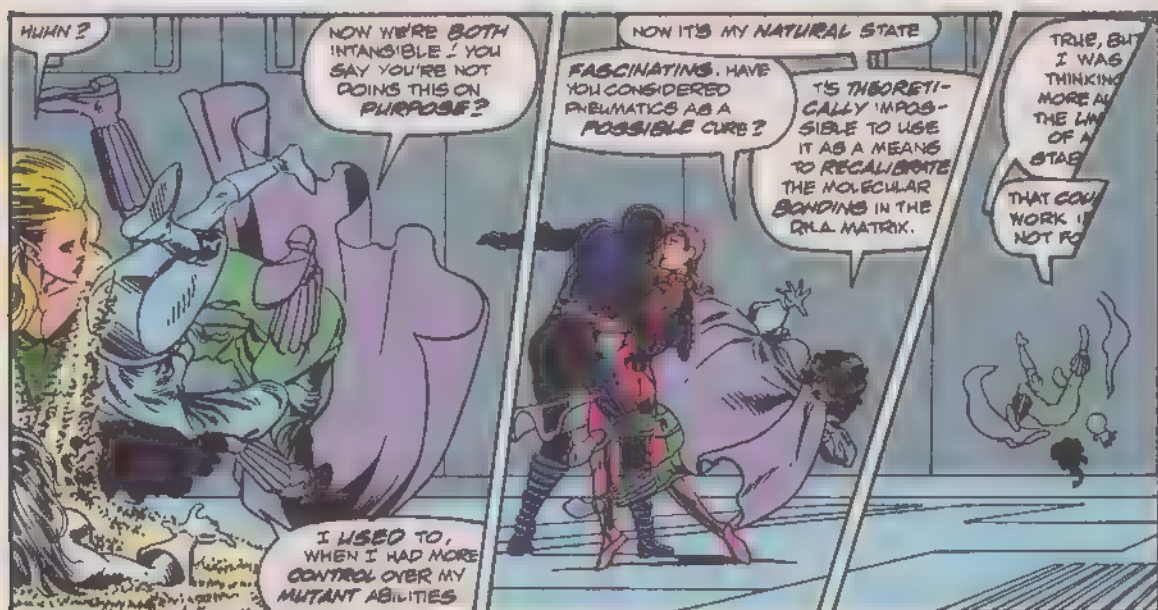
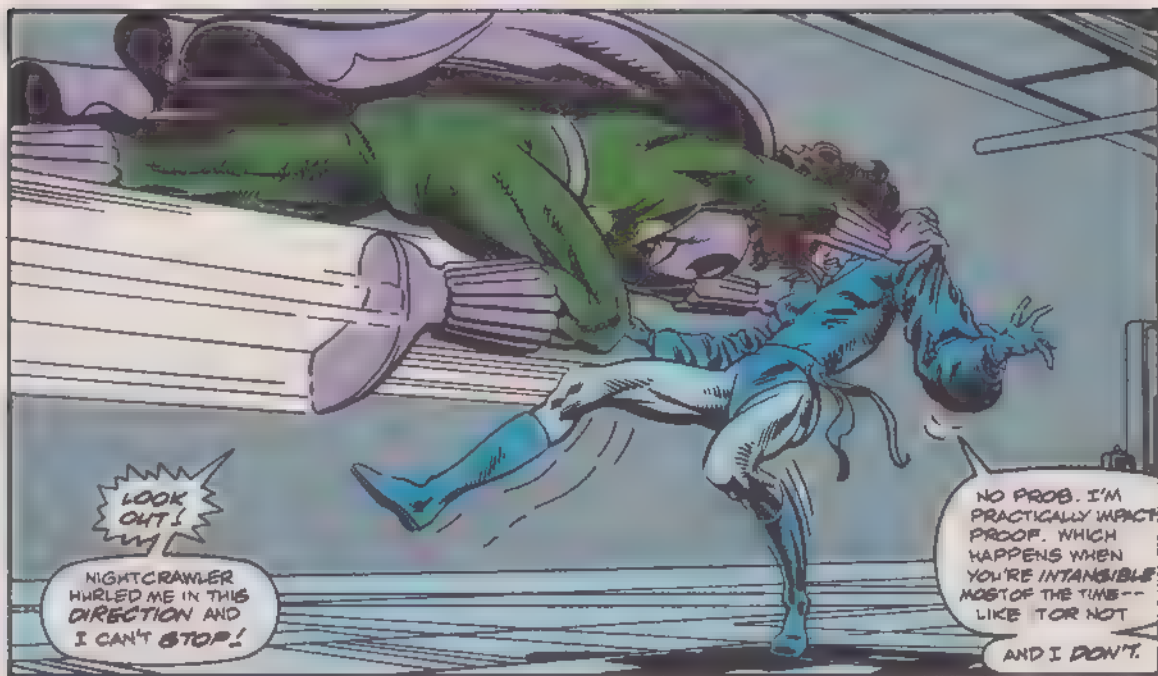








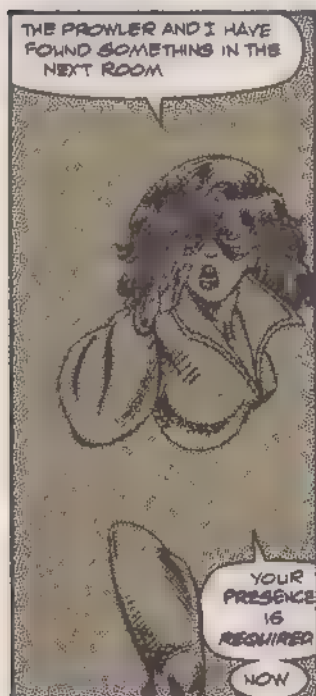




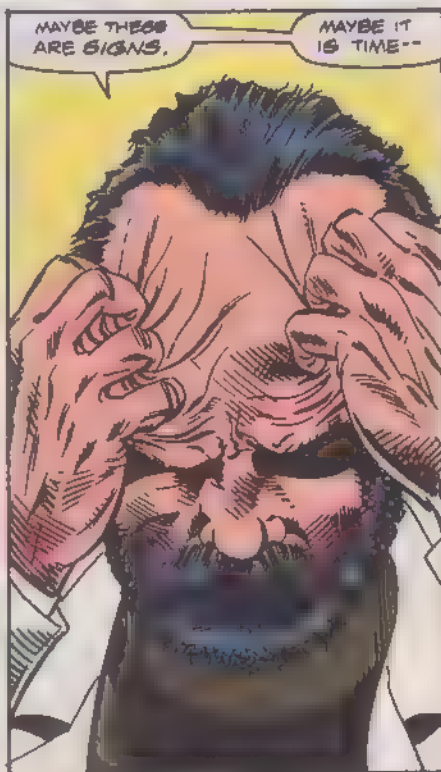
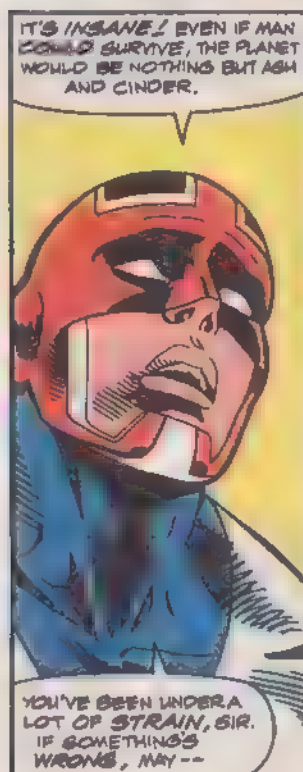














IS IT ME, OR IS THAT  
ARNIM ZOLA--  
THE ~~MASTERS~~  
GENETICIST?

I AM ONLY AN  
EMPTY VESSEL--  
A FAULTY  
CONSTRUCT THE  
ORIGINAL ZOLA  
HAD ALL BUT  
FORGOTTEN.

I WAS  
FOOLISH  
ENOUGH TO  
BELIEVE I  
WAS ALIVE.

THAT BY POSING  
AS OR WALSH,  
I COULD MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE..

... THAT I  
COULD SAVE  
THE WORLD.

BUT LOOK  
WHAT I'VE  
BEEN  
REDUCED  
TO!

IS THIS  
ANY WAY TO  
CONDUCT AN  
EXPERIMENT

UH... NOW  
ISN'T THE  
BEST TIME  
TO RANT.

THE SENSOR  
WE GAVE YOU.

...IT'S GOING OFF THE SCALE!

MY INTERNAL SENSORS CONFIRM--

-- YOUR SUPER BATTLE  
MUST HAVE AFFECTED THE  
SIMULATOR'S DELICATE  
CIRCUITS!

THE NUCLEAR  
ENERGY IS  
RUNNING  
RAMPANT!

WE'RE TALKING MAJOR  
OVERLOAD-- DEATH  
AND DESTRUCTION!

ANY  
SUGGESTIONS?

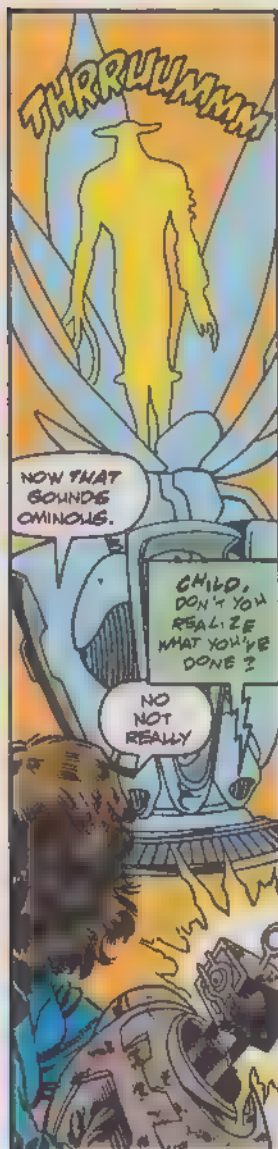
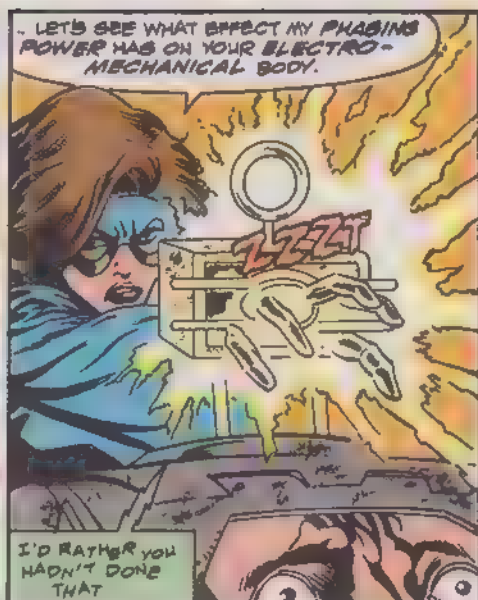
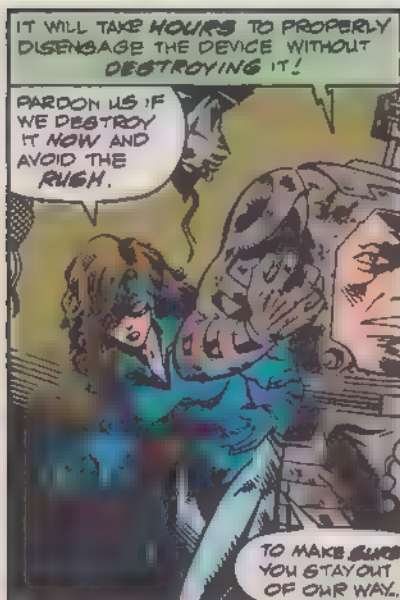
I HAVE A CAR  
AROUND BACK...?

SOUNDS LIKE  
MY CUE.

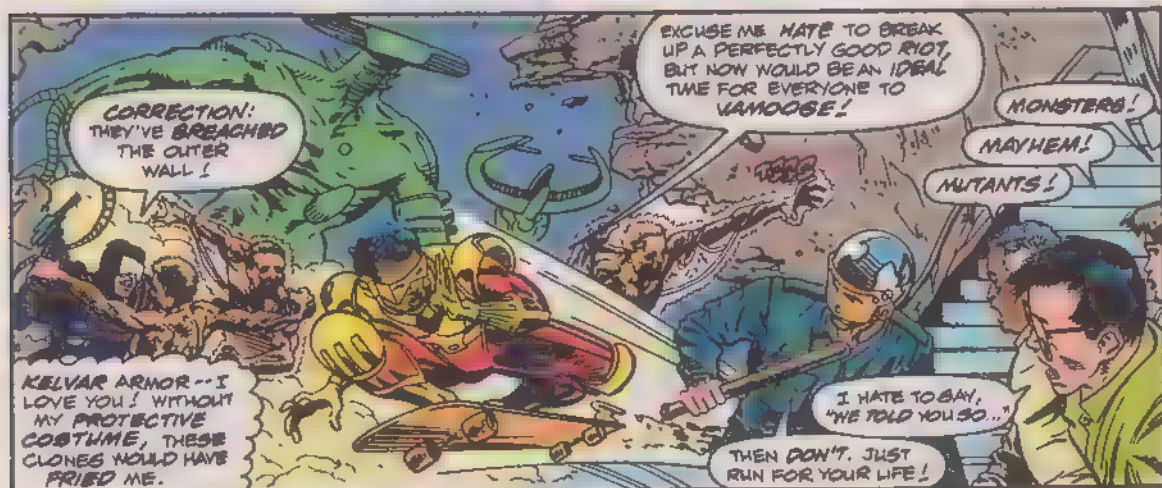
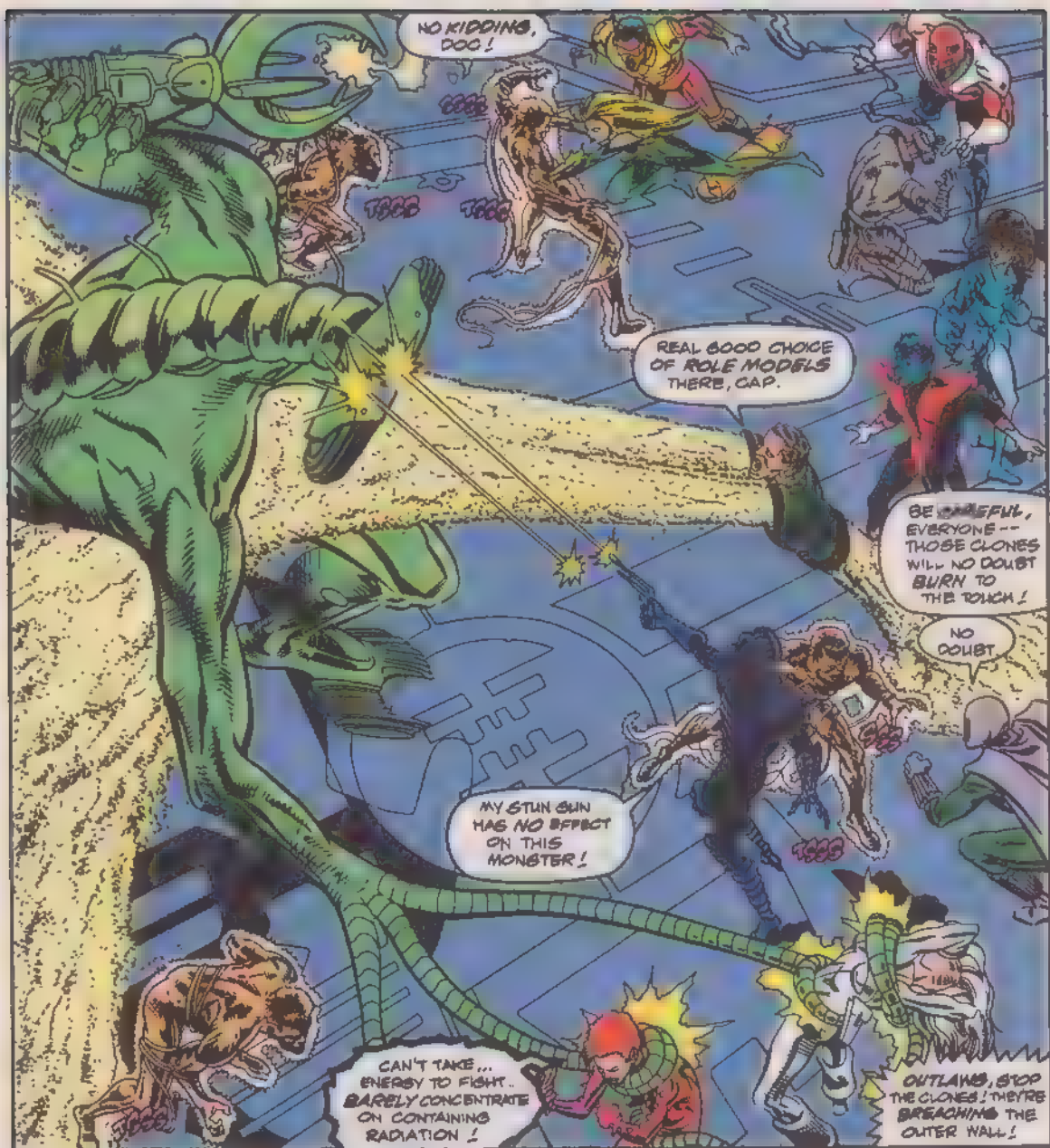
TRUTH TO TELL, GUYS, IT'S  
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AND I  
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I CAN CON-  
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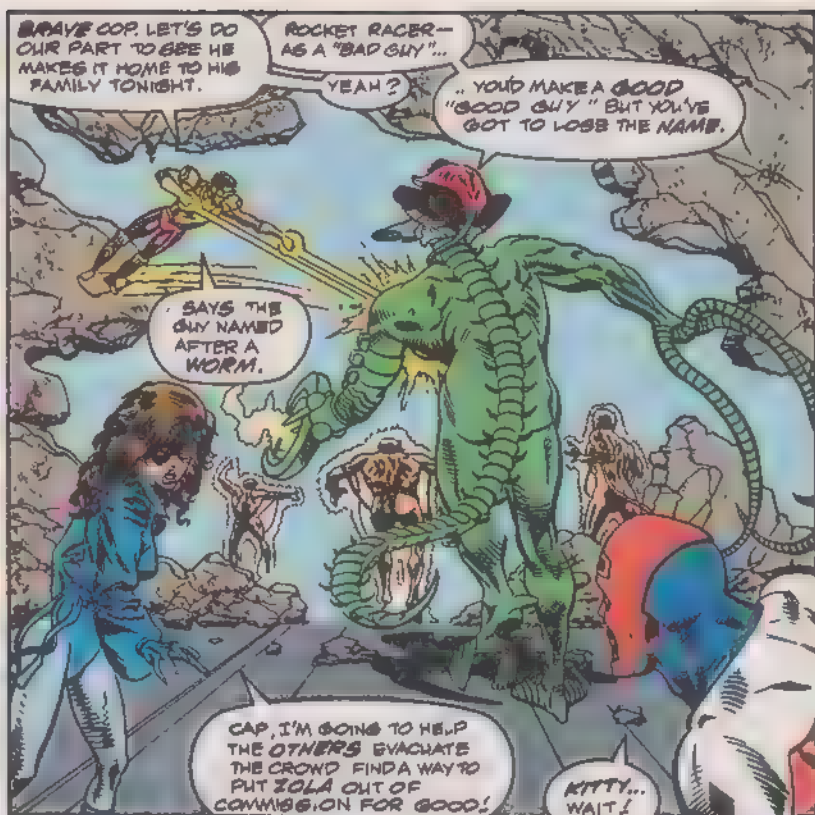




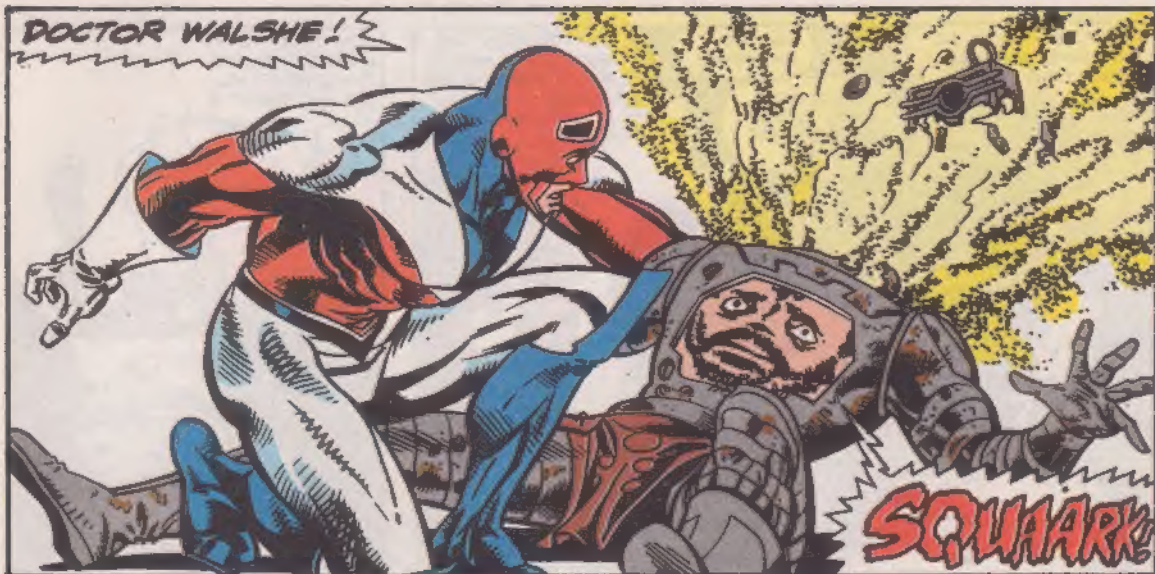




















COMING  
SOON!

THE RETURN OF  
TECHNET!



# SPIDER STOKES

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Attention correspondents: if you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Hey Terry,

Chris Wozniak's cover for EXCALIBUR #29 was the most impressive Marvel cover I've seen so far this year. And that includes Todd McFarlane's cover for SPIDER-MAN #1. Also—killer page layouts!

Who contributed the cover hues?

Uncle Elvis  
110-7 Medical Court  
Clarksville, TN 37043

Marvel's marvelous chief cover colorist, George Roussos, colored the cover, Uncle Elvis. We're glad you liked it! (Better than Todd's SPIDER-MAN... wow!)

Dear Sword Strokes,

In issue #29, page 2, Nightcrawler teleports inside the ship safely. He has refrained from teleporting somewhere he has not been before because he could be badly hurt. Is this a mistake or what? I'll tell you—NO, because Marvel doesn't make mistakes. The answer is that Phoenix scanned the minds of the ship's passengers and got the ship's interior layout. She then gave the information to Kurt via telepathic rapport.

So, do I get a No-Prize?

Steve Spivey  
HC-83 Box 1098  
Barbourville, KY 40906

As you said, Steve, Marvel doesn't make mistakes! And this rational explanation definitely deserves a No-Prize. (We couldn't have done better ourselves!) Remember, No-Prizes are now awarded not only for explaining why a lapse on our part isn't really a lapse, but also for general good deeds (something like donating a bunch of comics to a children's hospital). Keep us informed!

Dear EXCALIBUR Dudes,

Congrats on a real good story in ish #29. First of all, I'd like to say that EXCALIBUR is one of the best comics since THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, which I also collect. But let me tell you of a few complaints, although I'm sure you've heard enough of 'em.

1. Give Nightcrawler his original teleporting capabilities, please.

2. Give Captain Britain his old helmet with the squares on the forehead instead of the ugly black stripes, please.

3. Get Excalibur more involved with the rest of the mutant world, like the X-Men and the New Mutants—two comics I also collect.

4. Get Alan Davis back please. No offense to your other artists who have done previous issues, but nobody knows a team better than its creators... Davis and Claremont!

One last thing... have Excalibur fight villains with bigger reputations like... oh, Dr. Doom or Magneto or some other bad guy groups like Freedom Force—oh!—they're supposed to be good guys working for the U.S. government.

Tom Cunningham  
1213 Lake Village Blvd.  
Shdell, LA 70461

Nightcrawler was seriously injured, Tom, and he is slowly recovering and getting better at teleporting. He still has difficulty teleporting with someone else, teleporting multiple times, or going up and against gravity. Watch for him to continue to get stronger in the future! Speaking of Dr. Doom—how about next issue!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I just want to tell you to keep up the great work you're doing on my very favorite comic, EXCALIBUR! I started reading it occasionally when it first came out and, being a girl of fifteen at the time, that was pretty unusual (reading comics, that is). I started reading EXCALIBUR more frequently this year and I think it's the BEST!!!

My boyfriend got me interested in the comic even before it came out. He told me I looked like Kitty Pryde. I, of course, had to know who she was. So, when the first issue of EXCALIBUR came out, he bought it and showed me the girl by whose name he called me. (By this time, quite a few of my friends called me Shadowcat.) I noticed the resemblance and immediately fell in love with EXCALIBUR.

Thanks for all the great issues and keep them coming! You now have a faithful reader, thanks to my boyfriend and your great writing.

Until Rachel looks better than Kitty, Make Mine MARVEL!!!

Michele "Shadowcat" Chocoy  
315 W. Van Buren  
Trenton, IL 62293

Thanks for saying such nice things, Michele (or would you prefer "Shadowcat"?). We don't hear from our female readers as often as we'd like. And—you're not Kitty's only fan! Read on!

Say guys,

I wonder, are you aware:

—that in Kitty Pryde, you have a character with whom probably a substantial majority of your male readership would fall hopelessly, pantingly in love if only she really existed?

—and that this is because you have deliberately, craftily developed her from her beginnings as a fairly plain-looking, precocious adolescent girl from a typical suburban Jewish background, into a perfect combination of innocence and street-smarts, intelligence and (especially when drawn by Alan Davis) looks, humility and seductiveness?

—and that as a further consequence, the above mentioned readers are aghast at the illogic and implausibility of having Alieclair Stewart, an otherwise likeable and easy-to-identify-with guy, overlook Kitty in favor of the comparatively lesser charms of Rachel Summers?

—and that despite—or rather, because of—their frustration with this situation, you have all of these readers trapped like fish on a hook?

... Yeah, I suspect you probably are.

Chris J. Miller  
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Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear EXCALIBUR Crew,

On behalf of our buddy, Lockheed, I demand that his face be shown at the top left-hand corner of the front cover with the rest of the team. After all, he's been with them longer than Widget, and Widget has his own spot!

I have a feeling that I am not the only one who feels our purple friend has been left out too long, and we won't stand for it any longer!!

Michael Reed  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia, Canada

No, Michael, you're not the only one who feels this way; Lockheed is one very popular purple dragon! He is, officially, Kitty's pet and a supporting character. Unfortunately, there's just no more room left in the corner box!

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